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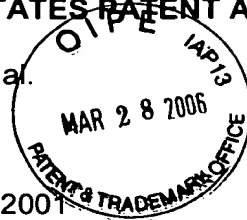
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Sir:

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This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits and with the following certification specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).

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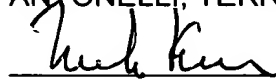
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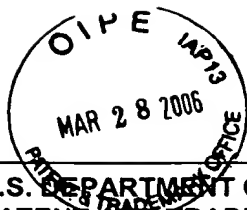
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